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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION: MIDDLE EAST

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1. DUE TO THE "INTRANSIGENCE"AND THE "RIGIDITY" OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL ON THE MIDDLE EAST ISSUE, GREAT DIFFICULTIES HAVE ARISEN IN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE SEARCHING PROCESS, WRITES ASST EDITOR KITAMBALA KULUBITCH IN KINSHASA DAILY SALONGO MAY 3. HE NOTES THAT WHILE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT REQUIRES TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AS PART OF ANY MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, PRIME MINISTER BEGIN OF ISRAEL HOLDS JUST THE OPPOSI
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VIEW AND "REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE EVEN THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE PALESTINIANS".

2. THESE DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED VIEWS, CONTINUES MR. KITAMBALA, "LED TO A SERIES OF FAILURES SUCH AS THE ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN POLITICAL AND MILITARY TALKS, AND SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE'S EFFORTS TO HAVE THESE TALKS RESUMED". HE ADDS, "THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE THAT REMAINED WAS TO FIND A NEW FORMULA FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS", AND MR. BEGIN'S LATEST VISIT TO THE US WAS IN LINE WITH THE SEARCH FOR THE FORMULA.

3. EDITOR POINTS OUT THAT PRES CARTER'S RECENT INTERVIEW WITH A
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NEW YORK NEWSPAPER HAS CAUSED THE TENSION BETWEEN CAIRO AND WASHINGTON TO RISE. MR. KITAMBALA CLOSES THE EDITORIAL BY INDICATING THAT PRES SADAT'S CAIRO SPEECH YESTERDAY IN WHICH HE PRAISED MR. CARTER'S "PEACE EFFORTS AND HIGH MORAL QUALITIES" HAS SOMEWHAT REDUCED "THE TENSION AND IS A GOOD REASON TO HOPE THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE SO THAT ISRAELIS AND EGYPTIANS MAY ONCE AGAIN SIT TOGETHER AT A NEGOTIATING TABLE. ITEM.

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